



## What is yard waste contamination?

Gardening can be thirsty work, but what to do with that empty water bottle? The yard waste bin is right here. Why not just toss it in? And the dogs and cats have been doing their business again. The green bin is close at hand...why not just pop in the poop? Plant pots? Empty plastic bags? They're in the yard...must be yard waste...WRONG! Only plant material belongs in the yard waste bin.

## Why clean greens matter:

**Greenery contamination costs San Diego tax payers by way of lost resources.**

Clean greens collected at the curb are intended for the Miramar Greenery where they are turned into compost, a valuable soil enhancing resource. Miramar compost is certified by the U.S. Compost Council, and this requires greenery that is free of contamination.

**Turning yard waste into compost reduces environmentally harmful gases.**

Contaminated greenery that is landfilled decomposes without oxygen, which produces methane gas, one of the most damaging of the greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.

## How yard waste becomes resource:

Clean green waste goes to the Miramar Greenery to become compost, a valuable soil enhancement, that improves soil, saves water, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Yard waste is ground in a grinder, spread into windrows, where it is turned and watered for 70 days and the temperature rises to between 135 and 163 degrees Fahrenheit to kill most weed seeds and all pathogens. The result is high quality compost available for sale at the Miramar Greenery at 5180 Convoy St., San Diego, adjacent to the City's Miramar Landfill.



## Products at the Miramar Greenery:

**SAVE WATER SAVE MONEY SAVE WATER SAVE MONEY**

**WITH HIGH QUALITY RECYCLED LANDSCAPE PRODUCTS FROM THE CITY'S MIRAMAR GREENERY!**

### COMPOST

- Improve soil texture
- Increase nutrient capacity
- Protect root systems
- Stop purchasing commercial fertilizers

### WOOD CHIPS

- Reduce irrigation
- Provide protective ground cover
- Use for landscape decoration

PLAIN RED BROWN NATURAL

### MULCH

- Conserve water
- Hinder weed seeds
- Reduce fungal diseases



**THE GREENERY**



Miramar Greenery products are available to the public at competitive prices. Located at 5180 Convoy Street inside the Miramar Landfill. City of San Diego residents may self-load up to two cubic yards of compost or mulch for free with proof of residency. For further information call Environmental Services at 858-694-7000 or visit [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)



# YARD WASTE RECYCLING

## YES RECYCLE



Flowers



Clean Wood, Lumber,  
Particle board and Plywood



Branches  
(maximum 4 ft. x 6 in.)



Grass



Pine

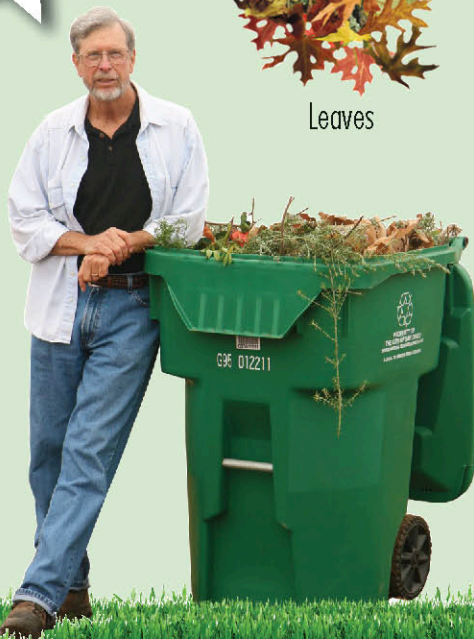


Shrub and Tree Prunings



Leaves

**Yard waste  
ONLY!**



## NO RECYCLE



Glass & Plastic Bottles and Jars



Terra Cotta and Plastic Pots



Diapers



Plastic Bags and other Film  
(no compostable or biodegradable bags)



Painted or treated wood



Paper, Magazines and Books

Palm Tree Seeds



Pet Poop